

RIDGEWOOD-WILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF 29 JULY 2019

- I **Call to Order** 7:30 pm Kazor residence. Attending: Robert Reeves, Tim Gogan, Katie Skoien, Dick Herman, Ginny Kazor, Evan Phoenix (6 members, a quorum). Absent: Anna Lodder, RJ Reeves.

Members, Marita Gehrity, Peter Kirchen, Mary Rajswing.

II **Announced Agenda.**

Receive the Traffic Committee report and recommendation regarding the traffic signal at the Wiltons and 2nd St. intersection and take action as appropriate.

III **Report of the Traffic Committee, Mary Rajswing, Committee Chair.**

Mary reviewed the history of the signal light settings with emphasis on the past seven years when the programming was changed arbitrarily and without consultation with RWNA. The first plan was “rest in red,” then more recently an experimental pilot program of blinking yellow and staggered north-south travel was used. The RWNA believes these patterns cause confusion, noise, increased speed and dangerous conditions and the Association has continuously supported a return to the blinking red signal.

The Committee generated petitions, gathered and forwarded data, logged accidents, held meetings with the Councilman and DOT management, and considered alternate proposals from DOT. Recently, the Committee invited the LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Joe Pelayo, to view the intersection when the blinking yellow was in operation. He described the situation as chaotic and an accident waiting to happen.

Shortly thereafter, the Committee received an offer of two options from the Council office. There was an exchange of clarifying questions and answers regarding the options.

Option 1 - Flashing Red N/S: The flashing red North and South would run from 9pm until 6am each night. Vehicles traveling East and West will experience a normal signal with green, yellow and red, set at a standing red until a car stops at the light. When the East/West signal goes green, the North/South flashing red will first go to yellow and solid red during the green phase for opposing traffic. When a pedestrian presses the button, both directions will show solid red with a white walk indicator to allow sufficient time for pedestrian crossing.

Option 2 - Standing Red All Ways: This would restore the signal to a rest in red function as existed before the flashing yellow pilot began between the hours of 9pm and 6am each night. All way red would be shown to North and Southbound traffic until a vehicle approaches the intersection at which point the signal would change to green for a short interval.

The Committee recommendation is to accept Option 1 and ask for implementation as quickly as possible.

Motion (Ginny Kazor) to receive the Traffic Committee report and to support its recommendation to CD 4, DOT and other interested agencies and parties, Second, Tim Gogan. Discussion. On the question, 6 in favor, 0 against, no abstentions. Passed.

Mary will communicate the decision to CD4.

VII **Adjourn** 8:20